

NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

From the President's Desk

Quilt Show

Have you recovered yet???

We had a beautiful, wonderful, successful show! And it was YOUR show! Your quilts, your hard work, your hours and enthusiasm made it work. A huge shout out to this guild and its members!

Little snippets came in over the three days: One vendor said we had the best quilts of any show they do. Another said that they love being at our show. Many people admired our baskets. Treasure Chest had exceptional merchandise, set up by an exceptionally well organized team. And so, so many people remarked on the quality of the hanging. I've seen professional shows that didn't look this good! We should all be proud of what we put out there.

I have only seen the preliminary numbers...some expenses and income were still coming in, so I can't say too much about them now. But we seem to have done at least as well as the 2022 show. I'm sure more information will be coming.

We'll be having a wrap-up meeting soon, while all this is fresh in our minds, so we can save our information for the next lucky show team!

Elections

Here is the slate of officers for the 2024-25 guild year.

President: Judy Gough

Vice-President:

Secretary: Abigail Thompson

Treasurer: Sandy Schott (two year term)

Members at Large: Alice Gibson & Raven Fagelson

You will notice we still need a VP! Yes, it means you will be president the following year. But honestly, it's not a hard job. You have a great board and great chairs to work with you. If you can pick up chicken at the Giant Eagle for the Annual Picnic, YOU can be Vice President. And when you're President, you can tell the next VP to pick up the chicken!

And here are the committee chairs for next year:

Community Service: Annie Holko

Facebook: Carol Hartman

Fundraising: Teri Tuminello

Greeter: Molly Healy

Historian: Connie Angermeier

Hospitality: Sam Steele & Sally Taylor

Membership: Carol Beck

Newsletter: Anne Shearon

Programs: Deb Thompson

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Sunshine: Connie Angermeier

Webmaster: Tracey Zigo

As you can see, we still need a Programs Co-Chair to help Deb out, with the idea to succeed Deb the following year. Programs is a central function of what the guild does, so filling this spot is really important.

Here are some opportunities for you to keep this Guild going. Really think about it.

See you on Tuesday !!

Stacy

The 2024 NPQG Banquet

You are invited to the NPQG end of the year banquet on June 4 at the Wildwood Golf Club, and the May meeting is a great time to sign up! We will have copies of the form available and you can pay by cash, check, or credit card. See Abigail Thompson, Sally Taylor, or Deb Thompson.

Of course, you can also print the attached form and mail it in. The cost of the dinner is \$32.00 by cash/ check, \$33.00 by credit card. RSVP by May 24.

See you at the banquet!

Upcoming Programs

It's May, it's May the lusty month of May ...

The May 7th meeting is the lecture by The Questioning Quilter, Brita Nelson. There are still 4 spots open for the workshop on Saturday, May 11. I would like all the local members to participate in person if possible. We have one person participating by Zoom. I am asking everyone to donate \$3 - \$5 to order lunch. If all spots are not filled by Tuesday, May 7, I will offer this workshop to outsiders

June - Annual dinner and introducing new officers

Here's a recap of our 2023 - 24 programs

September - Karen Combs lecture featuring the Jewel Box and Diamonds in the Sky

October - Round Robin - Curved piecing, EPP, No Waste Flying Geese, Appliqué Circles

November - Judy Gough, Collage Quilts presentation

December - Christmas Celebration

January - Mel Beach - Free Motion Quilting highlighting the fear factor of FMQ, the importance of practice for hand / eye coordination, embracing FMQ mistakes, features to look for in a quilting partner, threads, auditioning designs and motifs, proper ergonomics of quilting, tools for success.

February - Paula Nadelstern - Fabricadabra and interesting ways to sew together patterned fabric to make beautiful starbursts and kaleidoscopes.

March - Community Service

April - Quilt Show - A huge success!! Great job everyone.

Stacy offered many great workshops and demos on Saturdays including the Ten Sisters Grid workshop, Focus on Color, Walking Foot Quilting and Utility Quilting and more. Many thanks to Stacy for taking on the Saturdays as I was unavailable for most of them.

I hope you had as much fun participating in the lectures / workshops as I did scheduling them. It's been a pleasure to serve as your program chair. I hope you learned at least one new technique or idea each month.

I will work with Deb Thompson on scheduling the Zoom lecture from Battingsupersales as promised

Sandra Schott

Assistance Requested: I have a quilt made by my Mom that I would like altered as the border is badly frayed but otherwise in good shape. Ideally, I would simply want the border removed and the edge rebound. I live in Oakmont and would like to find someone nearby to take a look at this project:-} Jill Ciaccio, jgc44@yahoo.com

From the Vice President to Everyone (except Stacy)

President's Block

There's still time to make a President's block for Stacy. If you have your block done - please bring it to the May Meeting. As luck would have it - neither Stacy nor I can be at the banquet SO that means I will try for the picnic. If that doesn't work - then it will be the September meeting before we can present the blocks to Stacy. But don't use this as an excuse not to get yours done.

Directions for the block are as follows:

The central fussy-cut section should be cut 4 1/2 inches (will finish to 4 inches). It can be anything, any color. If you don't have something fussy-cut-able, a print of some kind is fine.

The frame should be white strips of any kind (solid or white-on-white or mostly white) cut 1 1/2 inches wide.

The finished block should be 6 1/2 inches square.

Officers/Committee Chairs - Election on Tuesday night!

The slate of Officers and Committee Chairs are in Stacy's President Message above. Members will vote on Tuesday night.

We are looking pretty good for the future. Thanks to all of you who have stepped up and volunteered. We are still looking for a Vice-President. If this is something you feel you can do - please contact me at 412-260-1171 or jlgough101@me.com.

Thanks again and looking forward to the year ahead!

Judy

Treasure Chest 2024

We are pleased to announce that so far our revenue from the 2024 Quilt Show was \$8486.44, subject to expenses, etc. AND WE AREN'T DONE YET. This is an amazing feat made possible by the work and dedication of our committee and the Guild as a whole. We also provided four boxes of fabric for Community Service through Joanna Blonarick and to St. John's Lutheran Church.

There will be a "sell down" of current inventory at our meeting on May 7 !! Bring cash, check or debit/credit card. Deb Thompson will be there to help you check out ! Everything is 50% off and inventory includes panels, unfinished quilt tops, completed wall hangings, table toppers and more.

On a personal note, I will be stepping down from Treasure Chest. It has been an amazing journey seeing how we started with just ideas and plans and then the phenomena Treasure Chest became. I have met some really interesting people donating items and "retired" Guild members fondly remembering the "old days". And so, Treasure Chest is now in the capable hands of Alice Gibson and Sally Taylor as Chairs. They, along with Lisa, Betty, Helen, Teri and Joann have worked with Treasure Chest since 2022. I am excited to watch them make it even bigger and better for the Guild.

Denise Friedrich

Everybody's Gotta Eat

All Fat Quarter contributions for our in-person May meeting are welcomed and most appreciated! Nothing like a good cookie, mint brownie (you know who I'm talking to!), or delicious dip to savor while basking in the glow of our very successful quilt show.

Alice Gibson
Hospitality

Quilt Shows and More

July and August 2024, Mid Atlantic Shop Hop (DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV), www.AllMidAtlanticShopHop.com. I think this is the first time we have had this event in this area. Supposed to be 90 stores participating. It will be interesting to see how it works out. The former western PA Shop Hop will not be held.

Information about upcoming shows or exhibits about which you are aware is appreciated.

Also, if you discover any really great quilt shops in your travels, or other crafts, too, since many of our members do crafts in addition to quilting, please pass these along. When we have a few, I will send out a list.

Thanks to all.

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SPRING 2024 BANQUET

Please come and enjoy an evening of food and friendship with your fellow quilters.

Where: Wildwood Golf Club, 2195 Sample Road, Allison Park, PA 15101

When: Tuesday June 4, 2024

Time: 5 p.m. Cash Bar, 6 p.m. Dinner

Cost: \$32.00

Menu: Chicken Piccata – tender boneless chicken breast, lightly breaded and sauteed with a lemon, garlic, butter sauce with capers.

Grilled Salmon – Grilled Atlantic Salmon with Citrus Butter sauce

Dinners served with field greens salad, red skin potatoes, summer vegetable medley, roll and butter, tea and coffee.

Dessert: vanilla or chocolate cake with raspberry filling and ice cream

Please detach and return bottom portion of this page with your check for \$32 (payable to NPQG) to:

Abigail Thompson

201 Farmington Road,

Pittsburgh, PA 15215

Name (print): _____

Please circle your entrée choice: Chicken Piccata Grilled Salmon

Please note any dietary restrictions: _____

RSVP Deadline, Friday May 24.